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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gerald R. Black
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004, the Applicant respectfully elects Group II thereby retaining claims 20 to 51 for prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claim 1 from the subject application, without prejudice.

Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted,

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